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A BILL FOR AN ACT

relating to genetically engineered FISH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Chapter 187A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**"§187A- Genetically engineered fish; prohibited.** (a) It shall be unlawful to propagate, cultivate, or farm genetically engineered fish in state marine waters.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

"Genetically engineered" means alterations to a life form or its living progeny at the nucleic acid level, using the techniques collectively referred to as recombinant DNA technology.

"Recombinant DNA technology" means the transfer of genes, regulatory sequences, or nucleic acid between hosts by the use of vectors or laboratory manipulations and includes the insertion, excision, duplication, inactivation, or relocation of specific genes, regulatory sequences, or sections of nucleic acid. This term does not apply to a material or an organism developed exclusively through traditional methods of breeding, hybridization, or nondirected mutagenesis."

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**Report Title:**

Genetically Engineered Fish

**Description:**

Prohibits propagating, cultivating, or farming genetically engineered fish in state marine waters.

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